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Propoſals for erecting a College for the habitation of Grub-ſtreet Authors, by Giles Blunderbuſs, Eſq; Hiſtorian to the Grubean Society.

Quis expedivit pſittaco ſuum χαῖρε?
Picaſque docuit noſtra verba conari?
Magiſter artis, ingeníque largitor
Venter, negatas artifex ſequi voces.
Quod ſi doloſi ſpes refulſerit nummi;
Corvos poëtas, & poëtridas picas
Cantare credas Pegaſeium melos. Perſ.

THE Street from which our Society derives it's name has within theſe few years been ſo metamorphoſed, that it is no longer fit for the reception of Authors. There is now not ſo much as one Printer or Bookſeller left in it: nor any ſign of literature remaining, beſide this ſingle houſe, which is appropriated to the weekly meetings of the Society, and the reſidence of two or three of it's members. And this very houſe is become ſo crazy, that the reſidentiary members begin to be afraid of dwelling in it any longer: and they would long ago have removed, if they could have ſupported the expence of better accommodations. Nothing can be more unjuſt, than that thoſe who are continually employing themſelves in the ſervice of the publick, ſhould be deſtitute of a convenient habitation provided at the publick Expence. I propoſe therefore either that ſome new College be erected in or near this City, or the limits of ſome old one ſufficiently extended to receive thoſe generous perſons, who are daily labouring for the publick good. I can think of no Situation more proper than Moor-fields, not only on account of the neighbourhood of Fore-ſtreet, that grand *Emporium* of pudding and peaſe porridge: but alſo becauſe of it's adjoining to that famous ſeat of war, which may afford frequent opportunities of celebrating the great atchievements of our city Heroes. The vicinity of that College, which already occupies the South ſide of thoſe fields, will be a conſiderable Advantage. For as that College is made a habitation for Authors of the higheſt Spirit: the nearneſs of the two Buildings will make the removal of ſuch as ſhall deſerve that high Station, the leſs troubleſome. On this account, it would not be improper to carry on the wings of the old College to the end of the fields, and erect a new building oppoſite to the body of the old one. An Edifice of this extent would be capable of containing the greateſt part of our authors, and, I believe, all of any conſiderable rank among us. The ground Floor might be allotted for Politicians, News-writers, Criticks, Commentators, and others, whoſe gravity might endanger the upper ſtories: and a decent office might be erected in the yard, for the writers on the practiſe of Phyſick; where, with the aſſiſtance of two or three Looking-glaſſes, they might compleat the true *facies durum cacantis*, which ſome of them in a great degree have already obtained. The middle floor might contain the Divines, Philoſophers, Hiſtorians, &c. and the upper Story the Poets of all denominations. Galleries might be built round the Chimneys, for the Speculations of Prophets, Theoriſts and Aſtrologers. The walls would furniſh a ſufficient Station for Bookſellers, after the old manner: and the whole *Area* might be planted with Hellebore for the uſe of ſuch as ſhould be thought worthy of being removed to the Southern part of the College.

If ſuch a College as this was once built, the publick need be at no farther expence in the ſupport of ſo many uſeful perſons. The Profits ariſing from their works would be a conſtant ſupply to them of food and raiment: eſpecially, if it ſhould be thought proper to make this a privileg'd place; which would much conduce to the eaſe and tranquility of the Inhabitants.

I do not doubt but this Propoſal will meet with univerſal approbation, and that we ſhall ſoon ſee this learned Society flouriſh in a degree ſuitable to its dignity and uſefulneſs.

To Mr. BAVIUS, Secretary to the Grubæan Society.

SIR,

POſſeſs'd with a Notion of the *Sortes Virgilianæ*, I dipt t'other day into the Æneid at a venture, to try the King of Spain's Fortune, and open'd, bonâ fide, upon this part of Æneas's ſpeech, when taking leave of Dido: Lib. 5. V. 351.

Me Patris Anchiſæ, quoties humentibus umbris
Nox operit Terras, quoties aſtra ignea ſurgunt,
Admonet in ſomnis, & turbida terret Imago;
Me Puer Aſcanius, capitiſque injuria cari,
Quem regno Heſperiæ fraudo, & fatalibus arvis.

But not content with this lucky Hit, I was reſolv'd to play the Critick, and ſee whether (by a ſmall and trifling Variation from the Original) I cou'd not make this Paſſage ſtill more appoſite to the Circumſtances of that Great Monarch; to uſe then the Bentleian ſtyle, read it thus at my Peril.

Heu me Reginæ, quoties humentibus umbris
Nox operit Terras, quoties aſtra gnea ſurgunt,
Admonet in Lectis, & turbida terret Imago:
Infaus me Carolus, capitiſque injuria cari,
Quem regno Heſperiæ fraudo, atque Ducalibus Arvis.

I make no doubt that the French Criticks, and Dutch Commentators, will readily accede to this Reading; neither can the Germans in Reaſon and good Senſe refuſe to do the ſame. But, perhaps, theſe Alterations in ſo critical a Juncture may ſeem too bold, wherefore I'll conclude my Applications with an Hemiſtick in the ſame Speech, which his Catholick Majeſty may repeat word for word after the Pious Hero,

Italiam non ſponte ſequor.

Aug. 19th, 1730. Yours, SORTILEGUS.

To the Society of Grubſtreet.

GENTLEMEN,

THERE is one Species of News left untouch'd by all the Weekly Writers, which I could wiſh you would make it your Province to communicate to the World. To entertain us with real or fictitious Tranſactions is all that our greateſt Hiſtorians, either *Burnet* or *Gulliver* have pretended to: But to give an exact Chronology of what will befal Kingdoms in future Times, is the taſk they have left for you to perform. And yet as arduous an one as it ſeems to be, if you look into the Writings of ſome Revelation-Philoſophers you will not want for Intelligences of this Nature. At preſent I inſtance in the Contents of Mr. W---n's Aſtronomical Lectures, where, it is proved, it ſeems, *That the grand intermediate Breaches in every one of the four Monarchies were immediately preceded by great Eclipſes of the Moon; all viſible in the ſame Monarchies; and that accordingly* 1736, *the* GRAND PERIOD *of the ten Kingdoms or of the* LAST STATE *of the Roman Monarchy will be peculiarly remarkable for ſuch great Eclipſes.* [See Mem. of the Life of Dr. Clarke, p. 150]. Your Society, I doubt not, will ſurvive the Wreck of Empires; and as you now generouſly publiſh his Prediction, I hope you or your Succeſſors will hereafter point out to the World the Accompliſhment of it. But if it ſhould unhappily fail in this particular, then let Poſterity know *that it is eaſier to calculate Eclipſes in the Heavens, than the Downfal of Kingdoms on the Earth.*

I am, Gentlemen, your Well-wiſher, &c.

To the Secretary of the Grubæan Society.

SIR,

WHEN his Royal Highneſs came over into England, three loyal Divines expreſs'd their Zeal upon the Occaſion, in the Spirit of Grub-ſtreet Poetry. However, ſome diſaffected Fellow was pleaſed to banter their Compoſitions in the following Epigram. As it poſſibly might never have come to your Hands, I thought proper, by ſending it, to give your Society an Opportunity of vindicating, if they judg'd fit, their reverend Members; among whom there ſeems to have been our moſt incomparable Poet-Laureat. The Epigram, if I miſtake not, is made in Imitation of DRYDEN's upon MILTON, which you may read in the Frontiſpiece of any Edition of this laſt Author.

In the ſame Age and Iſle three Bards Divine,
Their Prince to celebrate, invok'd the Nine;
The Firſt in Nothingneſs of Thought ſurpaſs'd,
The Next in Bombaſt; and in Both the Laſt:
Dullneſs, to crown her fav'rite Laureat's Strain,
Mix'd a due Portion of the former Twain.

Auguſt the 17th, 1730. Yours, PHILO-GRUBÆUS.

LONDON.

THURSDAY, *Aug.* 13.

Notice is given to all peers, peereſſes, and privy Counſellors, that the Court goes into mourning on ſunday the 16th inſtant, for her highneſs Benedicta Henrietta, Dutcheſs Dowager of Brunſwick and Lunenburg. The Ladies on publick days to wear black ſilks, plain linnen, black and white fans, and no colour'd tippets, and on private days white or gray ſilks; the men to wear black ſwords and buckles, and plain linnen, and on private days to wear gray. *P.*

His Majeſty has given orders for the four ponds in Hyde-park to be laid together, in order for a fine canal to be made there, with other commodious alterations. *Ibid.*

Yeſterday morning about 1 o' clock died at his houſe in Little Ormond-ſtreet, the youngeſt daughter of the Hon. Horatio Townſhend, Eſq; brother to the Lord Viſcount Townſhend, and repreſentative in Parliament for Heytesbury in Wiltſhire. *Ibid.*

Thomas Barnes of Wiltſhire, Eſq; has made a bett of 1000 guineas, that he rides 200 miles and walks 30 in one day: To be perform'd in October next at Newmarket, half forfeit. *D. J.*

The King has been graciouſly pleas'd to give the ſum of 100 l. to Mr. Pine, who dedicated his proceſſion of the Knights of the Bath to his Majeſty. *Ibid.*

One Allen, a milk-woman in Swallow-ſtreet, having had ſome words with her husband, told him when he went to work yeſterday morning, that ſhe would hang herſelf; which ſhe accordingly did at her bed's feet. *Ib.*

Mr. Chickin, an agreeable young Gentleman, of a conſiderable eſtate, who lately came over with the Indian Chiefs of South-Carolina, where he was born, of Engliſh parents, is next week to be married to Miſs Buſch, of Wandſworth in Surry; a young Lady of great beauty and merit. The account inſerted in one of yeſterday's News-papers of the ſaid young Lady's being to be married next week to one of the Indian Generals, is falſe and groundleſs. *S. J. E.* --- *The* London Evening *has copied the paragraph, which this Author aſſerts to be falſe.*

Yeſterday died at Lowton in Eſſ--, the Rev. Mr. Pritchard, Rector of Chriſt-Church in Spittle-fields, and Fellow of Brazen Noſe College. *L. E.*

FRIDAY, *Aug.* 14.

Yeſterday at a general Court of the Governors of Chriſt's hoſpital, Sir Hans Sloane, Bar. reſign'd his office of phyſician to the ſaid hoſpital, and receiv'd the thanks of the Court for his good ſervices *P.*

The ſame day the following Gentlemen were confirm'd as Governors of S. Bartholomew's hoſpital, viz. Thomas Hardy, Eſq; Thomas Garrard, Eſq; Common Sergeant, Thomas Inwen, Eſq; Marmaduke Alington, Eſq; and Thomas Tryon, Eſq; *Ibid*

On tueſday night laſt one Francis Ruſſell, a centinel in the firſt regiment of Foot-guards, who liv'd in Mint-ſtreet, in the Mint, was committed to the new gaol in Southwark, being charg'd with cruelly beating his wife with the heel of his ſhoe, ſhe being big with child, and afterwards cutting her throat to the wind-pipe; of which ſhe dy'd on wedneſday night *D. J.*

On wedneſday night the women felons under ſentence of tranſportation in Newgate, who are confin'd on the common ſide in the womens ward, attempted an eſcape, and having got proper tools for that purpoſe, cut off one iron bar; but being timely diſcover'd by the Turnkeys, two of the ring-leaders were put into the cells. *C.*

Yeſterday dy'd at Low-Layton, in Eſſex, the Rev.

Mr. Pritchard, Rector of Christ-Church Spittal-fields, and Fellow of Brazen-Nose College in Oxon. *D. P.*

The Courant *tells us, that the Rev. Mr. Pritchard died yesterday at Low-Layton: the* Daily Journal *agrees with the* London Evening.

SATURDAY, *Aug.* 15.

On tuesday last the Court of Assistants of the Barbers and Surgeons Company order'd that a bust of the E. of Burlington should be made in marble by an eminent hand, to be plac'd in their theatre, as a testimony of their gratitude for his noble benefaction in repairing and beautifying that curious piece of architecture. At the same time they agreed to constitute a demonstrator of anatomy; who for some days after the publick anatomical lectures in their theatre might instruct the apprentices in the structure and uses of the several parts of the human body, the diseases they are liable to, and the chirurgical operations necessary to their cure. To this office they unanimously chose the very ingenious Surgeon, and accurate antagonist, Mr. Joshua Symons, Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital, who has for many years given courses of Anatomy in this city with great applause. *C. P. & D. P.*

Several people that were in St. Giles's Church last Sunday se'nnight, when the great confusion happen'd there amongst the Congregation at divine Service, by their fancying the Church was falling upon them, (occasion'd by the Artifice of a Prisoner who had made his escape from the Constables, are since dead of the hurt they receiv'd, in particular a Butcher's Wife of Bloomsbury Market, who died last night *S. J. E.*

The Daily Post *tells us that Mr. Pritchard died on* Thursday, *and adds learnedly,* supposed to be suffocated with fat. *The* St. James's *and* Whitehal Evening Posts *agree with the* Daily Post; *but* the Evening Post *says he died* on Wednesday.

MONDAY, *Aug.* 17.

For the better discovering and bringing to justice the persons concern'd in sending the two threatning Letters to Nathaniel Gould, Esq; his Majesty has been pleased to promise his most gracious pardon to any one who shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices, so as he or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof; and as a further encouragement to such a discovery the said Nathaniel Gould, Esq; does hereby promise, that whoever shall discover the person or persons who sent or contrived, or directed the sending the said Letters, or either of them, so that he or they may be convicted thereof shall upon such conviction receive as a reward, the sum of 5 l. from him the said Nathaniel Gould *C.*

On friday last, Mrs Twiselton, a relation of Sir Thomas Twiselton's, deposited in the hands of the Governors of St. Bartholomew's hospital, the sum of 1000 l. for which they are to pay her 5 l. per cent. per annum, during her life; and at her death it devolves to the said hospital *P.*

Yesterday in the evening the Indian King and Prince, and their Chiefs, went to Christ's hospital, to see the children at supper; after which they were very elegantly entertained at the house of Richard Cheek, Esq; treasurer of the said hospital. *Ibid.*

The Fox man of war having been refitted at Deptford, is design'd to carry Rob. Johnson, Esq; to his Government of South-Carolina. The Indian Chiefs, who are now under his care, are to imbark with him in the said man of war. *D J.*

The latter end of this week, upwards of 500 recruits, now in the Savoy, are to shipp'd off, to reinforce his Majesty's garrisons of Gibraltar and Port Mahon. *P*

Last friday night 3 rogues set upon Sarah Sands, a servant maid at Stoke-Newington, and another young woman, near Kingsland Turnpike; and after robbing them, they stopp'd their mouths with handkerchiefs, and endeavour'd to ravish them; but before they had compleated their design, were glad to make off, a Gentleman riding towards them. The next day a man was seiz'd at Islington, on suspicion of being one of the villains, but was discharg'd for want of sufficient evidence to commit him. *Ibid.*

We hear that at the late assizes held at Bridgewater, an indictment was preferr'd against a Sow-gelder, for attempting to spade (spay) his wife; but she refus'd to prosecute, and acknowledged her forgiveness of him, and desir'd the Court would do the same. However the Court remanded him to prison, and, for the sake of the good women in general, order'd him to remain there till he could give 40 l. security for his good behaviour during life. The occasion of this vile attempt was this: The Sow-gelder being in company with several marry'd men over a pot of ale, they all join'd in complaint of the fruitfulness of their wives, because of the charges brought upon 'em thereby; and asking him, whether he could not do by their wives as by other animals? he said he could; and they all agreed their good women should undergo the operation, provided he would begin with his own: This, with a great oath, he undertook, and going home, by violence gagg'd and bound his wife, and laying her on a table, made a tranverse incision on the side of her belly; but after much puzzling, and putting the poor woman to great torment, he found there was some difference between the situation of the parts in the rational and irrational animal, and so, sewing up the wound, he was forc'd to give up the experiment. The woman in her first agonies, appear'd strenuously against him, but being recovered by the time of the trial, was so generous as to forgive him, and plead for his pardon, as above. The poor women would have a sad time on't, if this operator had gone thro' his engagement, and it had became a fashionable experiment and our *Grub-street Friends* perhaps will be witty on this affair in their next paper, and tell us, 'twas well for the Sow-gelder, that his wife was so good a Christian that she could forgive him; and that most others of the sex would have prov'd inexorable prosecutors on this enormous and unheard of occasion. I remember to have read one instance (if I mistake not) of the Duke of Cleve's Sow-gelder, who actually performed this operation on his daughter, whom he suspected to be young with child by an inveigling courtier; but as he went through-stitch with his work, so his Prince went through stitch with him, putting him to a cruel and exemplary death for so inhuman an action. *D J. --- I heartily thank my ingenious Brother, not only for giving me an opportunity of being witty, but also for putting words in my mouth. But I cannot perfectly agree with him about the* inexorability *of the good women for tho' the Sow-gelder's operation was levell'd against their fruitfulness, yet he never intended to deprive them of using the means.*

TUESDAY, *Aug.* 18.

On sunday in the evening arrived in town Mr. Hicks, Purser of the Mermaid, Capt. Pearce, in 10 weeks passage from Guiney, and Buenos Ayres, chiefly loaded with hides, on account of the South-Sea Company; she slaved for 600 slaves from Guiney, and brought in her whole cargo to Buenos Ayres without the loss of one. By her we learn, that she left the Essex, Capt. Perkenham, at Buenos Ayres, who expected to sail for England in two months. *C.*

Dr. Colins, Physician to his Majesty, who has been dangerously ill of a fever, is so well recovered, that he goes abroad every day for the benefit of the air. *P.*

Yesterday being the adjournment of the sessions of the peace for the City and Liberty of Westminster at Westminster-hall, when the High Constable and all the Petty Constables were ordered to attend the Court, Sir John Gonson, the Chairman of the Sessions in an excellent, useful, and instructive speech, of about half an hour, explained to them the nature, design and most extensive power of their Office, as Constables and in very pathetick words incited them to the due performance of their duty, in the several branches of it according to their oaths, &c. Then was read in Court a Letter directed to Sir John Gonson, from the Right Hon. the Lord Harrington, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, signifying his Majesty's approbation of the proceedings of the Justices of the Peace of the said City and Liberty, in endeavouring to suppress Night houses, Night-cellars, and other disorderly houses and practices; and that for encouraging so good a work, the Solicitor of the Treasury is ordered to defend, at his Majesty's expence, the Constables and other Peace Officers, in any actions or suits that may be brought against any of them for what they shall do in the faithful discharge of the duty of their Offices, in putting in execution the warrants issued to them by the Justices of the Peace for the purposes aforesaid. *D. P* and *D J*

The Torch Thistles, which are now flowering at Mr. Cowel's at Hoxton, invites every day such crowds of people, and especially the virtuosi and learned of the Royal Society, that it is surprising, as the blossoms are very extraordinary in their make and colour, and wonderful in their manner of opening. *D. J.* —— If these Torch Thistles are but as *extraordinary in their make, and wonderful in their manner of opening*, as this paragraph: they may well *invite* great crowds of people to gape at them.

WEDNESDAY, *Aug.* 19.

Yesterday died suddenly, at his Lodgings in the Strand, Mr. Thomas Edwards, who was one of the Gentlemen of his Majesty's Chappel-Royal at St. James's, ever since the Reign of King William. He was likewise one of the singing men belonging to Westminster-Abbey and St. Paul's. *P.*

Three special Writs of Enquiry have pass'd the Great Seal last week, for enquiring into the Estates of Col. Charteris, in Middlesex, Westmorland and Lancashire, that have been forfeited to the Crown upon his late Conviction and Condemnation, his Majesty being willing to assert the Rights of the Crown on that occasion, tho' he should be graciously pleased to restore them to him again. *D. P.*

It is written from the Hague, that the Prince Royal of Prussia intended to have visited England, but that his designs are now laid aside; and that the King of Poland had acceded to the Treaty of Seville. *Ibid.*

About one hundred workmen are employed in building a house at Wimbleton in Surrey, after the Model of that of Blenheim in Oxfordshire, it being design'd, as we hear, as a present from her Grace the Dutchess Dowager of Marlborough, to one of her Grandsons. *Ibid.*

Yesterday a considerable number of old small arms were sent from the Tower to the Armourer's mills, in order to be cleaned and made fit for his Majesty's Service. And *D. J.*

Several thousand old small arms in the Tower, which are unfit for farther service, are ordered to be disposed of. *Ibid.*

Last week died at his Lodgings at Richmond in Surrry, Mr. Chambers, a very eminent Pawnbroker in Blackmore street, Clare-market, reputed worth 20,000 l. and yesterday his Corpse was brought to town in a Hearse with six Horses, attended with several mourning Coaches, and was interr'd last night in St Clement Danes Church. *P.*

From the Pegasus in Grub-street.

WEDNESDAY, *Aug.* 19.

A Book intitled, *An Historical and Philosophical Account of the Barometer, or Weather-Glass; by Edward Saul, A. M. late Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, and Rector of Harlaxton, Lincolnshire,* was presented this evening to the Society, by a Friend of the Author's: with a petition to admit the said Mr. Saul as a Member of the Society. But it not appearing that this was more than the second Treatise, which this learned Gentleman has at present published; the Society were of opinion, that his election should be deferred till the publication of another work; which may probably intitle him to a place in this illustrious body.

The following Epigram was wrote by a young Gentleman of Eton School; occasion'd by their being honour'd with the Duke's Company at their Ram-hunting.

Instruxitque manum Clavâ
Clavigeros inter Pueros, pulcherrima Proles
Arietis in Cladem, Claviger ecce! venit.
Quam placidus mitisque ferit! Quam parcere pronus
Et nocet, Impavidus ne noceatque, pavet.
Ut clavam, sic arma geras, hostemque ferire,
Nec nimium nolis, nec, Gulielme, velis.

Attempted in English.

For the Ram's Fall, with Club of Oak in Hand,
His Highness comes, and joyns the youthful Band.
Gently he strikes! for oh how prone to spare,
Dauntless he hurts: to hurt, is yet his Fear.
Such be thy future Triumph o'er thy Foe,
Tho' brave, not cruel, and tho' calm, not slow,
Not sparing, nor too lavish of thy Blow.

L. M.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Aug.* 13.

Yesterday arriv'd the Mails due from France and Holland.

Naples, July 25. N. S. There are already arriv'd in this Kingdom so great a number of recruits and other troops for Fiume, Trieste, and Lombardy, that the Government can send a considerable army into the field in case of need, without draining the garrisons; and they talk of forming a camp of 10 or 12,000 men between Capua and Gaeta, the latter end of this month. They write from Sicily, that they continue to take all the necessary precautions to oppose a descent, with which that Kingdom is threaten'd; that the troops are posted in such a manner, that they may get together at a very short warning; that the garrison of Messina consisted of 8 co Germans encamp'd near Melazzo; and that after the arrival of the troops they expect from Germany before the end of this month, are arriv'd, they shall be able to form an army of 30,000 men. *C.*

Leghorn, July 29. N. S. The master of a ship ar-

riv'd from Palamos in Catalonia, reports, that ſeveral tranſports, having a great number of troops on board, were arriv'd in the road of Barcelona, from Cartagena, Malaga and Alicant. *Ibid. P D. P.*

Milan, July 29. N. S. On the 22d inſtant, Count Daun, our Governor-General, receiv'd a Courier from Vienna, with diſpatches for his excellency and the general officers. The imperial troops have ſince receiv'd orders to keep themſelves in a readineſs to march at a ſhort warning; and we hear a great detachment is to be ſent towards the frontiers of Piedmont. Recruits are coming in almoſt every day from Germany; and we expect another reinforcement of 12,000 men from thence. We are inform'd that Prince Eugene of Savoy will ſpeedily come hither to give his orders as Vice-general. *Ibid P.* and *D. J.*

Florence, July 29. N. S. The Great Duke has publiſh'd an ordinance, enjoining all his ſubjects to ſeize the German deſerters that may ſhelter themſelves in his dominions, and ſend them back to their officers. The Imperial Troops in the Lunegiana have been conſiderably reinforc'd: They obſerve a very good diſcipline there, and pay for every thing they want *P.* and *D. J.*

Vienna, Aug. 5. N. S. General Waterborn is preparing to ſet out for Italy; from whence they write, that General Philippi, who went ſome time again to the Court of Turin, has not been able to do any thing in favour of the Emperor. 'Tis reported here, that the deſign of the Spaniards is to poſſeſs themſelves of Final, and to endeavour to penetrate into Italy that way; and that they will make Corſica a place of arms with this view. *C. P. D. P.* and *D. J.* — *The* Daily Poſt *dates this Article June* 5.

Yeſterday arrived the Mail due from Holland.

SATURDAY, *Aug.* 15.

Hague, Aug. 22. N S. The Earl of Cheſterfield arrived here on Sunday laſt, about ſix in the Evening. *P.*

South Carolina, June 15. The Spaniſh Pirates, who ſtyle themſelves Guarde Coſta's, having Commiſſion for that purpoſe, are very rife in and about the Gulph of Florida, taking all they can meet with; and the French ſettled in Hiſpaniola, ſeeing the ſucceſs which has attended the Guarde Coſta's, are come into the ſame way, it being ſufficient cauſe for condemnation to be found near the Coaſts of the one or the other, which it is impoſſible to avoid in trading to the Iſland of Jamaica. The Charlotte, Ebenezer Simmons, Maſter, coming lately from Jamaica for this Province, met with a ſtorm of wind in the windward paſſage, by which her ſails were ſplit; and ſhe received ſo much damage, as forced her near the French Coaſt; for which cauſe a French Sloop thought fit to take and carry her off; and the poor Maſter having found means to eſcape, is juſt arrived here, to give an account of his Misfortunes. *W. E.* and *L. E.*

Extract of a Letter from Petersburg, dated July 28. O. S.

YOU will undoubtedly have heard of the country hereabouts being in flames in many places, ſo I will acquaint you with what I can gather from the moſt authentick accounts in relation to it. About a month or ſix weeks ago, by ſome accident, the Bruſh Wood and dry Graſs ſome where about Abo in Finland caught on fire, which ſpread itſelf, and has continued travelling and increaſing ever ſince, and hath burnt all the way to Slueyſenburg: At this place we firſt found the effects of it about 3 weeks ago, by the air's being very hazy, and full of ſmoke, which continues ſo, and to ſo great a degree, that very often and generally we cannot ſee any thing half croſs the river, even at noon day. The ſame accident hath happened towards Novogrod, and other parts of the Country, particularly on the New Road, where all the low Bruſh Wood and the Graſs that's dry, and even the Bridges on the Road, have been burnt for 60 or 70 Verſts together. It hath in its Courſe burnt many Villages: 'Tis now all round the upper part of this Town, being not above 2 or 3 Verſts from the Monaſtery on one ſide, and at Oſta on the other ſide the River. They have dug Ditches round Siſterbeck and other Places, to prevent its coming to them, and for theſe 10 or 12 days, 2 or 3000 men have been detach'd to put a ſtop to it, but hitherto ineffectually: The reaſon of its ſpreading and continuing, is the exceeding long dry ſeaſon we have had, which is ſuch as hath not been known. E. P. S. J. E. and *W. E.*

MONDAY, *Aug.* 17.

Yeſterday arrived the Mail due from France, and one from Flanders.

Paris, Aug. 23. N.S. The Queen has already felt ſome pains; ſo that 'tis thought her Majeſty will lie-in the latter end of this month, or the beginning of next *C. P. D. P.*

Paris, Aug. 22. N.S. His Holineſs had made a preſent of 1 , 0 Crowns to the Chevalier de St. George and augmented his penſion with o Crowns a year, it being before but 12,000 Crowns a year. *P*

Paris Aug. 23. N.S. A Notary of Rochelle appeal'd to the Parliament here, againſt the ſentence of the Judge of that place, whereby he was condemned to be hang'd for a very odd ſort of a crime. The Notary had a young ſiſter, very handſome; and it happened that a rich Gentleman paſſing through Rochelle, fell in love with her, and offered to marry her; but being a proteſtant, and not willing to abjure his religion, the Notary went and confeſſed himſelf, in the Gentleman's name, to a Friar who did not know him, and took a certificate, which ſerved his pretended brother-in-law to marry his ſiſter, and they lived together 8 years; but the Gentleman being lately dead, the ſecret came to light; whereupon the Notary was ſeized, confronted with the Confeſſor, and condemned to be hanged. But upon his appeal, the Parliament have commuted his puniſhment to the making of the *Amande honourable*, to be branded with the Flower de Lys and baniſhed. *C P. D, P. D. J.*

TUESDAY, *Aug.* 18.

This Day arriv'd a Mail from Holland.

Naples, Aug. 1. All the General Officers and others have got ready their equipages, and wait only for orders to take the field; and the Troops deſign'd for the defence of Calabra are all arriv'd in that province. The Emperor has demanded of this Kingdom a free gift of 1,600,000 Florins, to raiſe which, ways and means are under conſideration. *E. P.*

Leghorn, Aug. 5. A ſhip which left Toulon the 2d inſtant, adviſes that the French Troops deſigned to joyn thoſe of Spain, lay ready encamped there, and waited only the laſt orders to imbark, and that ſix Men of War were alſo ready to put to ſea from thence. *Ibid.*

Vienna, Aug. 12. The Courier which arriv'd here from Paris the 7th paſt, brought an anſwer on the part of the Allies of Seville, which leaves no more hopes of an Accommodation. Our new levies are continued with good ſucceſs. *Ibid.*

Paris, Aug. 18. The opinions continue divided in regard to the projected expedition of Italy: ſome pretend it will be deferr'd 'till next ſpring; and others that it will be put in execution this year; but we ſhall know nothing for certain of this affair 'till the return of the Courier that was ſent to Cazalha the beginning of this month, and who is every moment expected with the final reſolution of Spain. Nevertheleſs it is moſt certain that the laſt advices from Cazalha and Barcelona are very poſitive, that all that has been reported of the Expedition's being put off 'till next ſpring, was without any manner of foundation. It is adviſed from Turin of the 8th of this month, that the King of Sardinia had been ſome days ill of the Strangury. *L. E.*

Hague, July 28.

Extract of a private Letter from *Vienna*, dated, *July* 11.

ON Monday laſt ſix Commiſſaries ſet out from this place for Presburg, to confer with Count Palfi about buying up 200,000 buſhels of Wheat, and as many Oats, in Hungary, to be ſent to Naples by the way of Croatea and Fiume, and laid up in the Magazines of that Kingdom, to ſupply the Imperial Troops in the winter, when it is foreſeen they would want neceſſaries, without this timely proviſion. The Reſident of Florence at this Court has promiſed the Emperor, in the name and by order of the great Duke his Maſter, to furniſh money for the quantity of Grain above-mentioned. W. E. P.

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